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#### REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF 371(c) DATE

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Attached is a copy of the official Filing Receipt and Notice of Acceptance received from the PTO in the above-identified application.

There is an error with respect to the 371(c) date, which should read

May 18, 2005.

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Applicant respectfully requests correction of the 371(c) date for the record, and further requests that the Commissioner issue a corrected Filing Receipt and corrected Notice of Acceptance.

The corrections are not due to any error by applicants and no fee is due.

Respectfully submitted, Robert F. RICHARDS, et al. DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE LLP

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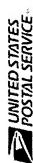
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#### **Assignment For Published Patent Application**

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#### Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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